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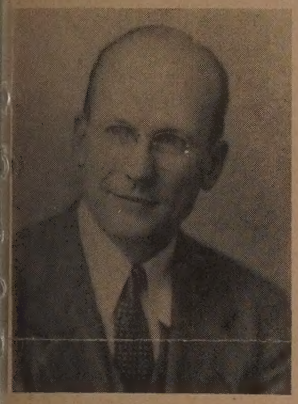
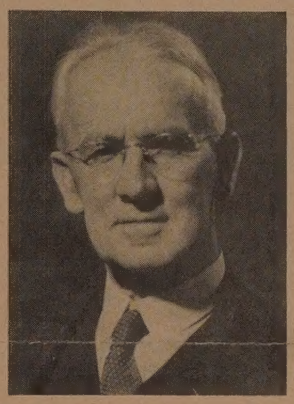
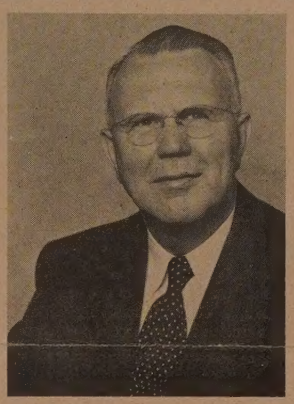


Rev. Ray Gibbons, of New York y, will be one of the quartet of tstanding speakers for the Annual eeting of our Northern California ngregational Conference. Dr. Gibns is the director of the Council for cial Action of the Congregational-ristian Churches. He is a native of eveland, Ohio, a graduate of Ober- College and Union Theological minary and has the MA degree from achers College, Columbia. He ved pastorates in Maine and Mas-husetts before being called to his esent positon in January, 1944. Last mmer he and Mrs. Gibbons organ-d and conducted a European semi-r made up of 27 ministers and lay-en, among whom were our own Mr. d Mrs. Harry Drobish. They studied igious and political problems in gland, Denmark, France, Germany, itzerland, and Italy. Special atten-n was given to the Welfare State, fugees, East-West Tensions, Catho--Protestant Relations, and Church cial Action. Dr. Gibbons will be e speaker at the Laymen's Luncheon d give one of the major evening dresses.



Rev. Sidney M. Berry, of London, England, world leader of our Congregational fellowship, will top the list of distinguished speakers for the Annual Meeting of our Conference. He succeeded the famous Dr. J. H. Jowett at Carrs Lane Church in Birmingham. For 25 years he was the general executive officer of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. He had been the moderator of the International Congregational Council; and at the world gathering of that body in Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1949, Dr. Berry was elected as its minister and secretary. He has recently visited churches in South India, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. He has made a fellowship trip to the churches in Germany and met with leaders of churches of Congregational polity in Holland, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland. He was educated in both Cambridge and Oxford. He entered the ministry 46 years ago. Dr. Berry will be the main speaker at the Conference Banquet and the preacher at the eleven o'clock Sunday service.



Rev. Vere V. Loper is including his own Conference in an exceedingly busy month of May while he travels all over the Union speaking at state conference meetings. He honored our California fellowship by being elected as moderator of the General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches in 1950. He has served in more offices and positions than can be enumerated. He was on the Survey Committee of the Commission on Missions and was a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, but more than all of this, he has been the pastor of a succession of great churches. Montana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, and California have all had the strength and uplift of his ministry. He came to our Berkeley Church just in time to help us prepare for the General Council in 1940. He received an award one year as the most valuable citizen of the City of Berkeley. He has been and is a brother beloved by all of our ministers. He will give a brief talk at the Laymen's Luncheon and the closing address of the Conference on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Howard F. Schomer, recently returned from Europe, captured the Midwinter meeting at Cleveland with his clear incisive address at the American Board luncheon. Mr. Schomer is a comparatively young man. He studied at Harvard and Chicago Theological Seminary and was a Sheldon Fellow in Europe. Immediately following the Second World War, with a team of relief workers he distributed food and clothing in many regions of France and gave a religious ministry in German war prisons. With French Protestant ministers he has visited and spoken in 35 German evangelical centers. He has been exceedingly active in the famous College Cevenol founded by French Protestant pastors. This brought him into contact with Protestants all over the Latin countries of Europe. Young people and teachers from a dozen countries are in this college community. He is truly a missionary to much of Western Europe. Mr. Schomer will be the main speaker at the Women's Luncheon, will give the address on Friday afternoon, and will preach at the 9:30 Sunday morning service.

aymen's School

The second of two Schools of hurchmanship, sponsored by the aymen's Fellowship, was held at acific School of Religion on March too late for an account to be pubhed in the last issue of The Pacific. It was in every way an outstanding ccasion. One hundred fifty men from ore than thirty churches were pres-t. President John H. Finger presid-. Daniel T. Ruggles of Sonoma nducted the worship service entirely song. In his beautiful baritone ice he sang both the Scripture lesson d the prayer. Chaplain Moffitt ennis of the Sonoma State Home ve a most telling address, showing w music, particularly the great old ymns sung in church services, have a rofound religious and psychological fect upon the worshipers.

There were four discussion groups, centered about some phase of the lution of the church attendance roblem. These were led by Chaplain ennis, Ted Winslow of Hillcrest, ruce Copeland, also of Hillcrest, and harles Hobdy of Hayward. Each roup reported its findings to the en-re assembly. In closing Supt. Harley H. Gill gave an address on his experiences and observances through 23 years and led in a closing service of worship.

Mr. Carvel Caine and the women of North Church had to make a last minute change in setting up the dinner, transferring it to their own fellowship hall because of the unexpected number sending reservations.

Elect Your Delegates

Churches should give attention to the electing of their delegates for the State Conference meeting. Each church may have as many persons in attendance as can be enlisted, and there will be quotas of registration fees to bear the expense of the Conference including ministers' mileage pool; but the voting delegates are restricted in number. Each church, however small, is entitled to two delgates, and it is entitled to one additional delegate for each 100 members in excess of the first 200, but no church may have more than 5. These delegates should be officially elected and notified in advance of their coming to the Conference. Registration cards and instructions regarding reservations for hotels and mea's will come out in due time.

MORE ABOUT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The Program Committee has planned one of the rarest and richest three days of inspiration, instruction, and fellowship that our Northern California Congregational Conference has ever enjoyed. Never have we had such a galaxy of great speakers, but that is not all. The Committee on Our Christian World Mission will present the great opportunity of our fellowship. The Committee on Social Action is sure to provoke us with its discussion. The Department of Education and Cazadero will give us an insight into the thrilling work among our children and young people. The Church Extension and Church Development Committees will vie with each other in claiming the interest of the representatives of our churches in the building of new churches and in the strengthening of weak ones.

Business will be transacted, officers elected. The report of the Board of Directors will be awaited with interest, particularly in this year of transition.

The facilities furnished by the great First Church of Oakland will be ideal. A committee under the direction of Mrs. George Thomson has already laid plans for a dinner on Friday evening, two luncheons Saturday noon, the banquet on Saturday evening. There will be splendid music and good fellowship.

Worship will not be neglected. It will be under the leadership of the chaplain, Rev. Gordon L. Foster, of Mill Valley. The Committee on Program consists of Moderator Donald F. Gaylord, host pastor Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Mrs. Holland F. Burr, of the Federation of Congregational Women; Mr. John H. Finger, president of the Laymen's Fellowship; Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, of Cloverdale; and staff members Conard, Lindsay and Gill.

Claremont Delegates

Delegates are now being chosen by units within the Associations for attendance at the meeting of the General Council of Congregational Churches to be held in Claremont, June 18 to 25. Northern California will be represented by a total of 26 delegates. All Associations are urged to complete their elections at the earliest possible moment.

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ACT NOW!

An urgent word has been received from the International Relations Department of the Council for Social Action that if you believe in Point IV and if you are convinced that the effort to find constructive alternatives to communism must have far more emphasis than at present, **this is the time for action.**

The new "Mutual Security Program" legislation is now before Congress. More and more strong forces, in and out of Congress, are impatient with any U. S. foreign aid that does not directly build military strength. If we do not now speak up, it is possible that the amount of economic aid, including Point IV funds, may be drastically cut.

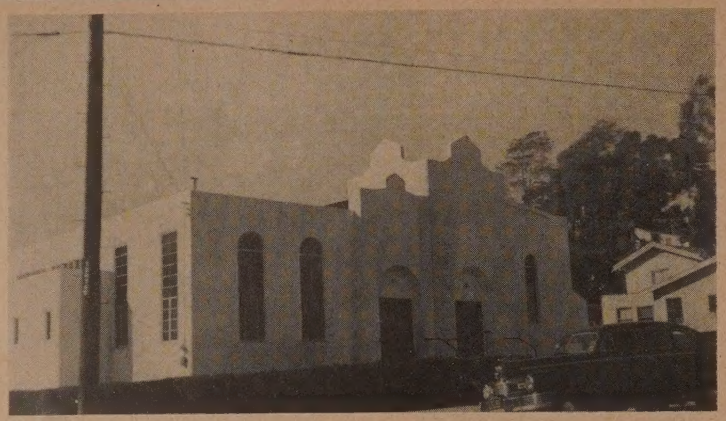
John C. Bennett, in Christianity in Crisis in March 17, said, "Military expenditure may help to keep communism out of Western Europe because there is enough social health there to resist communist propaganda and infiltration, but no amount of military force can keep communism from spreading to India if bold and imaginative steps are not taken to improve conditions in that country."

The breakdown of economic and technical aid is as follows: Near East and Africa, 196 million; Asia and Pacific, including India, 408 million; American Republics, 22 million; multilateral technical assitance, migration, and relief, 30 million. It is not possible to say exactly how much of the economic aid is designed for straight Point IV work, probably between 200 and 300 million. But much of the "economic aid" is for important long-term and non-military work.

We suggest that you express your concern regarding this matter to Congress at once. If you believe in it, emphasize the crucial importance of economic aid and your support of the Point IV program.

CHAPLAIN L. V. WALTERS NOW AT FORT ORD

Chaplain L. Verdette Walters was a welcome visitor at the Conference headquarters on April 1. Mr. Walters is located at Fort Ord, California, having returned to the United States recently from Germany. He had been out of the country nearly 5 years. He brought back a family of 5, two more than he took to Germany with him, and they are not DP's. He was formerly the pastor at Martinez and very active in the youth work of our Conference.



The Oakland Bethany Armenian Church dedicated its new social hall at a $5 fellowship dinner on Friday evening, March 7. It will be remembered that the church, which had used the building at 36th and Grove Streets for more than a decade, finally purchased a building in the Fruitvale district about two years ago. A social hall was needed to supplement the attractive sanctuary. By hard work of the members and the securing of very favorable prices on materials, a very attractive and commodious addition was erected. This includes a stage and a kitchen and will accommodate at least 200 people for dinners. The total cost of the original building and the new hall amounted to a little more than $32,000, with about $5,000 more for equipment, painting, and furnishings. The night of the dedication it was announced that the entire amount was within $700 of being covered. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, whose church had extended hospitality for many months in the early history of the Bethany Church, gave the principal address. Greetings were brought by pastors of sister churches and by Supt. Harley H. Gill for the Conference. There is every indication of strength and devotion under the able leadership of Rev. Z. P. Boudakian. The architect did a very worthy piece of work in tying in the new section with the original one, making a very attractive building and a worthy addition to the churches of our fellowship and the City of Oakland.

WM. L. HOLLADAY ORDAINED

William L. Holladay was examined and ordained by the Central Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers on Friday, March 14. The examination took place in the afternoon at Angels Camp and the ordination service was held in the evening at Murphys. Mrs. E. B. Kientz, moderator of the Associaton, presided. It was in many ways an ecumenical service. The invocation was offered by Rev. Robert L. Schlager and the sermon was preached by Rev. John Herbert Otwell, both Methodists and intimate friends of the candidate. Rev. Noel J. Breed, registrar of the Association, read the findings of the council, Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop of Pacific School of Religion propounded the ordination vows and offered the prayer. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Supt. Harley H. Gill, the charge to the candidate was given by Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, and the charge to the people by Rev. Ralph V. Conard. There was special music by the choir. A fellowship dinner was served in the Masonic Temple at Murphys. Mr. Holladay is serving both churches and reaching out in pastoral service into a much larger area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 23-24-25—Annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Oakland.

June 2-3-4—Spring Session, Federation of Congregational Women at Cazadero.

June 17-25 — General Council of Congregational Christian Churches at Claremont.

August 1-6—Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM—Rev. Karl E. Olson appears each Tuesday evening at 7:30 as a news commentator over Station KPFA — FM (94.1 meg.)

WILLARD BROWN THORP

Rev. Willard Brown Thorp passed away at his home in Palo Alto on March 1. He was born in Oxford, New York, 84 years ago, was a graduate of Amherst College and of Yale Divinity School. At the age of 23, he was called to the Congregational church in Binghamton, New York. He was pastor of the South Congregational Church in Chicago, of the First Congregational Church of San Diego, and came to Palo Alto in 1920, where he continued in active leadership for 19 years. Dr. Thorp was an exceedingly able preacher and a penetrating thinker. Many young ministers owe much to him as a teacher in homiletics, which chair he occupied at Pacific School of Religion for a number of years. That school honored itself and Dr. Thorp in conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Since retirement 13 years ago, he has been active in the famous club of ministers which he formed, "The Prunes," and as a friend of ministers and as a layman in his beloved church. He is survived by Mrs. Thorp, by a brother, Rev. Charles N. Thorp, of New Jersey, and a very famous nephew, Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of the Point IV Program. Burial was in Alta Mesa Park. A lovely memorial service conducted by Rev. G. Arthur Casaday was held in Palo Alto Church on Sunday, March 9.

MINISTERS' WIVES MEET

All Congregational ministers' wives of Northern California are invited to the spring meeting and luncheon at the home of Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Wednesday, April 30. Luncheon at 12:15. Reservations may be made by writing or calling Mrs. Gill, 1835 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley 7 (LAndscape 5-5776), or Mrs. David Stowe, 150 Ramona Avenue, El Cerrito (LAndscape 6-3005). This will be "fun time."

LOOK IT OVER!

A year ago $1,000 more had con in than at the end of March this yea Perhaps it was because Easter with heavy giving was in March. It m be that more churches had sent their One Great Hour of Sharing gift At any rate, it is too early to she any crocodile tears. By the end April the picture should be clearer— i.e., if there is promptness in makin the April remittances.

	App't Jan. 11 to Mar. 31,'51	App't Jan. 11 t Mar. 31,'
Alameda	$ 442.20	$ 91.(
Alturas	104.51	10.(
Angels Camp	——	50.(
Antioch	229.75	356.(
Auburn	100.00	60.(
Benicia	95.00	——
Berkeley, Arlington	293.91	300.(
Chinese	14.50	42.(
First	4,100.25	4,590.(
North	458.05	435.5
Northbrae	400.00	400.(
South	392.00	189.5
Campbell	254.50	——
Cedarville	28.21	81.1
Cloverdale	——	25.0
Concord, Hillcrest	88.87	4.5
Cotati	39.11	——
Crockettt	67.09	105.8
Eagleville	65.58	17.6
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	25.00	8.4
Elk Grove	77.38	72.3
Etna	44.88	68.6
Eureka	300.79	292.2
Fairfax	72.65	117.5
Ferndale	49.60	34.9
Fresno, First	1,233.89	1,610.4
Japanese	47.50	50.0
Pilgrim Armen.	250.00	——
Glen Ellen	35.60	——
Guerneville	75.00	134.4
Hayward	500.00	400.0
Kenwood	13.60	5.3
Lodi, First	1,072.54	505.8
Loleta	5.00	5.2
Los Gatos, Skyland	——	27.8
Martinez	790.36	366.5
Modesto	25.40	43.1
Niles	——	50.0
Oakland, First	1,550.00	1,700.0
Japanese	12.00	——
New Pilgrim	119.12	128.7
Plymouth	892.53	662.6
Orinda	416.64	570.7
Oroville	351.70	285.8
Palo Alto	1,659.65	1,685.1
Paradise	194.00	190.0
Parlier	——	10.0
Penngrove	——	9.7
Pescadero	——	5.0
Petaluma	——	489.7
Pittsburg	142.11	57.0
Porterville	750.00	750.0
Redwood City	489.39	472.5
Rio Vista	——	12.0
Ripon	90.52	194.4
Sacramento, First	750.00	704.4
Oak Park	——	36.4
Sierra Arden	150.00	166.6
Salida	19.25	50.0
San Carlos	470.00	600.0
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. P'k	66.00	38.0
Calvary Arm.	50.00	——
Chinese	13.83	——
First	383.47	524.1
Park Presidio	233.88	117.2
Pilgrim	61.53	50.0
St. John's	28.68	71.0
Sanger	45.04	——
San Jose	652.52	513.0
San Leandro	120.12	30.4
San Lorenzo	——	150.0
San Mateo	1,400.00	1,800.0
San Rafael	——	71.2
Santa Cruz	321.49	292.0
Santa Rosa	99.63	29.6
Saratoga	173.84	259.1
Sebastopol	279.99	428.3
Sonoma	92.57	50.0
Soquel	70.09	90.6
Stockton	473.15	283.9
Suisun	67.10	85.4
Sunnyvale	24.30	54.7
Sunol	88.50	117.3
Tulare	373.00	460.0
Weaverville	50.00	135.6
Woodside	44.18	81.9
Reno, Nevada	168.58	157.5
Pilgrim Fellowship	1,567.10	383.6
Miscellaneous	146.00	174.8
	$26,942.22	$25,783.9

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING OPENS JUNE 17

Delegates to the General Counci will do well to reach Claremont a da early for a Spiritual Life Missio under the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life. The chief speak er will be Dr. John S. Whale, eminen English Congregational preacher, edu cator, and author.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

MIRA VISTA—The new plan of o identical church services is surely rking. On each Sunday at the ear service every seat has been taken, cessitating the purchase of extra airs. While the second service is aller, the increase for both services about 50% more than at the 11:00 clock service previously. The Sun y School attendance now averages 5. It may be necessary to have o sessions of the church school. By e end of the year the present build g, in the opinion of Rev. Gifford ebster, the pastor, will be used to its ll capacity. A number of community oups are meeting there, including a operative nursery and a troop of y Scouts.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — An ister Sunday morning breakfast for ildren with parents is a new de rture in the program of this church. looks like a good idea. Lenten mid ek services have been shared with e Lakeshore Baptist Church. Mrs. argaret Palmer Fisk, daughter of former pastor, Rev. Albert W. Pal er, presented what she calls a rhyth ic choir on Friday, March 28. The ong preaching of Rev. Philip Mur y is bringing greatly increased con egations.

OAKLAND, FIRST—A new stain ss steel range has been installed in e kitchen. The Women's League is given a substantial amount for the oung people's summer conference nd and $100 to Hillcrest Church for sual education equipment. The oung people of the church earned 30 one day doing odd jobs for the f fund. Two hundred young men the DeMolay attended the Sunday rvice on March 23. Rev. Clarence eidenbach is pastor.

MODESTO — Twenty new mem ers were received in March. Sixteen ditional families are very definitely terested; thirty more mildly interest d. The church is now at work in reparing to become incorporated and be admitted into the Association. rchitectural studies are being made nd a campaign for building funds ill come in the fall. A larger church ttendance is going to require dupli ate services. Rev. Frank B. Loper is astor.

STOCKTON — On Good Friday he large class of new members which ad been recruited gathered for a per od of instruction as to the meaning f church membership. The trustees re making a careful study of the ondition of the building with the ought that it may be necessary to do me redecorating. Attendance at the wo morning services is crowding the 00 mark. Pastors are Rev. Noel J. reed and Rev. Earnest Lidell.

PORT CHICAGO—Rev. Elmer A. eske, of Beavercreek, Oregon, has een called and will take up his work May. He and his wife and two ildren will live in the parsonage, but e will be registered for work at Pa ific School of Religion. He is a grad ate of Yankton School of Theology nd for a time served in our German llowship. He has been active in onference work and comes highly ecommended.

BENICIA—Rev. Theodore Gustaf on is conducting a pastor's class each Vednesday afternoon in preparation or church membership. The Church chool and the church participated in One Great Hour of Sharing. It is oped that a youth choir can be rganized.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—The erection of the new addition to the building has been steadily delayed because of storm conditions, but the weather was beautiful on Sunday, March 30, when the cornerstone was finally laid. Rev. J. Hood Snavely, who is out of town recuperating from an operation on his throat, could not be present, but Supt. Harley H. Gill, a member of the church, presided and conducted the ceremony, which was shared by Mr. Herbert Spillman, a deacon of the church, and by the contractor. The occasion took place between the 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock services of worship. Prof. Robert E. Fitch has been occupying the pulpit during these weeks.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER — Twenty-nine new members were received on March 23. The following Sunday Rev. George Lindsay, Director of Christian Education for the Conference, spent the entire day with the church visiting the Sunday School, attending pot-luck dinner for persons interested in education and youth work, and a youth rally in the evening. The Easter offering, it is hoped, will reach $8,000 to pay for extended repairs. Rev. Torrance Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay are pastors.

HILLCREST—For one of the newest churches to provide leaders for two of the discussion groups at the School of Churchmanship at Pacific School of Religion really was something. Ted Winslow and Bruce Copeland did themselves proud and honored their church. Church School attendance has passed the 160 mark since moving into the new building. Members continue to be recruited. Volunteer landscaping is being carried out. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

FAIRFAX — Easter services will again be held in the theater. Improvement of the church building continues by the loyalty and hard work of volunteers. The women of the church did a lovely job as hostesses for the Redwood Empire Federation of Congregational Women. Rev. James W. Montgomery, the pastor, was recently elected president of the Pacific School of Religion alumni.

CLOVERDALE—Rev. George W. Lindsay, former pastor and now Director of Christian Education for the Conference, spent a Sunday with this church in March. Men of the church, having been inspired by the pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, have tackled the job of covering the walls of the social hall and making other improvements on the building.

WEAVERVILLE—The church did well in an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner have just completed one year in Trinity County. While some families have moved away, others have come and the work of the church has greatly increased in strength.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—Fifteen people joined the church on the first Sunday in March. An innovation for this year is a series of Passion Week services for Mission High School students planned by the churches of the area. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is pastor of this church.

SEBASTOPOL — New pews have been ordered, and it is expected that they will be ready for Easter, greatly to the delight of Rev. Raymond Keeble and his congregation.

REDWOOD CITY—Thirteen new people joined on a recent Sunday. The church membership has been divided into 20 zones, and each deacon and deaconess is expected to be a zone leader. The church building committee has presented to the membership architectural drawings for study. The area surrounding the site that was purchased some two or three years ago has grown rapidly. The church has before it an important decision to make as to whether it will lay plans for moving to the new site or launching a branch or mission. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—The College of the Pacific a cappella choir appeared in a lovely concert one Sunday evening in March and Margaret Palmer Fisk with her rhythmic choir on another Sunday evening. The major renovation work, including the new chancel, is expected to be completed before Easter. It is a remarkably beautiful transformation. Attendance at the Wednesday evening Lenten dinners has been excellent. The ministers are Rev. William E. McCormack and Rev. Joseph D. Redinger.

HAYWARD — The second annual laymen's breakfast was held on Palm Sunday morning. The speaker was Rev. Homer Schwarz of San Lorenzo. On two Sundays in March visitation teams went out to extend the invitation of the church to its friends to become members . This was followed by meetings on April 3 and 4 of discussion covering the church's history, organization, beliefs, and program, under the leadership of the two ministers, Rev. Richard C. Norberg and Rev. Verne A. Robinson.

ORINDA — Nine new members were received in January and February. Two of the rooms remaining unfinished at the time of dedication are being completed and suitable steps arranged leading to the library room. Rev. Fred Morrow is following the general topic for Lenten sermons, "Bridgebuilders." The Orinda Theater will again be used on Easter Sunday and this time for two identical services.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—American and Christian flags and altar vases have been presented to the church. There are also two new hymn boards, and one of the rooms of the church has been remodeled and furnished with brightly colored chairs for the kindergarten. On a recent Sunday, 118 were present at the church school. Rev. Richard R. Diede is the pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM—At the mid-winter communion twenty-five new members were received into fellowship. While a search has been going on for a permanent pastor the church has enjoyed the services of Rev. A. B. Hussian and for its young people's work of Mr. Duane Waln, student at Pacific School of Religion.

PACIFIC GROVE—A number of years ago this church raised a fund to publish a translation of the Bible into the Umbunda dialect. It has finally been arranged that such translation will be undertaken by the London Bible and Foreign Bible Society. One thousand dollars has been sent toward this purpose.

SAN CARLOS—Five families were welcomed into the church membership on February 3. Last word brought the good news that Rev. Weldon Batty is well on the way to recovery.

LODI, FIRST — During the past month two special Sundays have enriched the life of the church. On one Sunday there was a program of lay visitation, with Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Pastor-at-Large for the Conference, training and directing the teams. On another Sunday a school of churchmanship was held, with three leaders from out of town: Mr. Harry E. Drobish of Oroville, Mrs. G. Lesnini of Berkeley, and Mr. Phil Herriott of San Mateo. Since the coming of Rev. Ernest M. Fowler the activities of the church have been stepped up, requiring a six-page weekly bulletin.

BERKELEY, NORTH—The sixtieth anniversary is soon to be celebrated. To do it properly members of the church have agreed to enlist one new member each to reach the goal of sixty. New drapes are being added to cut down the glare from the south windows in the sanctuary, and beautiful new hand-made solid oak pulpit and lectern are being completed, it is hoped by Easter. Rev. and Mrs. Williston Wirt gave hearty welcome to the Congregationalists attending the conference on Building Society problems.

SAN MATEO—Since January 1, this church has received 110 members into fellowship. This puts it beyond the 1,100 mark. Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, former moderator of the General Council, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Benton Gaskell for some days while he filled a number of engagements in this area. He spoke at the Lenten supper at this church and also occupied the pulpit on one Sunday at both services. Gross receipts at a rummage sale were nearly $1,500.

FRESNO, FIRST—The church has a new I.B.M. electric typewriter with a new multigraph. The result is a Sunday program with the appearance of being printed by real type. Rev. John H. Gregg has recently suffered the loss of his father by death.

BERKELEY, CHINESE—With the organization of a group for girls, the church now has a club for each of the different age levels. An all-church retreat in February resulted in the planning of program by every department. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO—An Easter Vacation Church School held on week-day mornings similar to Vacation Church School is a unique feature of the program of this church. Rev. Robert W. Moon is pastor.

MARTINEZ — The two identical services of worship on Sunday mornings have certainly lifted attendance, the average for three months being 256. Six members were received on March 16. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE—On World Day of Prayer there was a union prayer meeting sponsored by the Men's Christian Brotherhood, which is made up of men of both churches in Guerneville. Rev. Harold W. Robinson is pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — A fine financial response came on One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday. Rev. Norio Ozaki had invited Dr. Irwin O. Addicott to deliver the sermon.

Said the lady to the minister after the service: "Wonderful sermon! Everything you said applies to somebody or other I know."

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next gathering of Congregational women will be at the luncheon on Saturday, May 24, during the Annual Meeting of the State Conference at First Congregational Church, Oakland.

THAT MEETING IN MARCH

Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham, home from her many travels, presided at the meeting on March 19; and beside her was Mrs. Etta Nelson, elected to fill the spot made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. James H. Price. Mrs. Buckham read as an opening thought from a poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "Every Common Bush."

Following the reading of the minutes of the Executive Board, Mrs. Nelson read a letter from Mrs. Price containing greetings from the South and an invitation for her friends to visit her at 1522 S. Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements of coming events were made, some of which are now past. The ones still coming up are:

Annual Meeting of the Conference at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, May 23, 24, 25. The Women's Luncheon is to be on Saturday, the 24th, and reservations should be made early with Mrs. George Thomson. They may be mailed to the church.

Spring Session at Cazadero, June 2, 3, 4. Mrs. Ralph Conard is the director with Mrs. Homer Schwarz, of San Lorenzo, and Mrs. Scott Haymond, of Berkeley, working with her.

General Council at Claremont, California, June 17-25.

Copies of the revised constitution were given out by Mrs. Conard and changes explained. She asked all to study it so as to be ready to vote on it at the annual meeting at Broadmoor.

WORKSHOPS

At eleven o'clock the women divided up for workshop sessions with two Federation Secretaries leading each workshop. The names and addresses of the leaders will be given so that anyone wishing information may write to them directly:

Group 1—Mrs. Harold Avery, 1129 Mandana Boulevard, Oakland, Foreign Field Secretary, gave suggestions for program material; and with her was Mrs. J. H. McCartney, 210 Oakes Boulevard, San Leandro, who has materials for the Thank Offering including boxes, envelopes, flyers, filmstrip, etc.

Group 2—Mrs. James Cooper, 512 Mitchell Avenue, San Leandro, gave suggestions on Home Field program to be used for program making. With her work was Mrs. C. E. Ward, 162 Grand Street, Redwood City, who spoke briefly of the work of the Council for Social Action. She will bring information at the next meeting on pending legislation.

Group 3—Mrs. George Lindsay, 1522 Henry Street, Berkeley, and Mrs. H. K. Kendall, 2334 Derby Street, Berkeley, discussed church activities which included the whole family, such as church-nite dinners, family camps, and available films on family life.

Group 4—Mrs. Willis Goldsmith, 610 Mill Street, Porterville, discussed preparations for the worship period in the women's meetings, and Mrs. Henry Sax named books containing good devotional material and read a few excerpts from some of them. Her address is 1351 Gregory Avenue, Martinez.

Group 5 was made up of commissioners who received tips on how to be a good commissioner from Mrs. Ruth Edwards, 1879 Tacoma Avenue, Berkeley 8.

LUNCHEON MEETING

Mrs. William McCormack presided over the lunch hour as president of the Bay Association and called the roll. There were representatives from 14 of the Bay area churches.

Everyone heard with regret of the death of the sister of Miss Mary Hurlbut, who had gone to Sedalia, Missouri, as soon as she got the message. She left her pictures and curios from Angola with Mrs. Buckham and asked her to relay the message of the "Ovimbundu's Response to Christianity" to the women at the rallies which she was unable to attend. Mrs. Buckham had heard Miss Hurlbut twice. Then Mrs. Lewis Taylor, of Berkeley, had heard Mrs. Buckham twice. Therefore, Mrs. Taylor did a very good job of pinch-hitting for Miss Hurlbut, with Mrs. Buckham's assistance. Federation Women are certainly able to arise to meet all emergencies, and the work among the Ovimbundu in Angola was presented very ably.

ADVANCE

Following the illustrated lecture, the women convened once more in the chapel; and a short skit entitled "Why Advance" was presented by three Martinez women, Mrs. Henry Sax, Mrs. H. J. Bowen, and Mrs. Charles McTaggart, giving in a very clever manner reasons why every church family should subscribe to "Advance," the Congregational magazine.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Mrs. Willis Goldsmith, of Porterville, led the worship service, using as her Lenten theme Mark's story of the anointing of Jesus by Mary in preparation for his death and burial. Women of today might learn from the alabaster box filled with the precious ointment, poured out to show devotion to the Master. Women's lives can be filled with good deeds for others along with their worship and prayers, to show their devotion to their Master. Worship, service, and sacrifice are the three things which fill the alabaster boxes with good deeds.

"SNOWFLAKES"

Last but not least in the day's program were the "Snowflakes from Cleveland" brought by Mrs. Buckham. One flake came, however, from Colorado where she visited the Sidney Buckhams, who sent greetings to their friends in California. They gave a reception for her so that a hundred or more Colorado people had the opportunity of meeting the president of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California.

In Cleveland the Women State Presidents discussed: "Standards of Achievements," the growth of the "Evening Groups," "Family Camps," "Congregational Christian Places of Interest in and Around New York City" as found by a group of executives from a nearby state group; Harlem Mission, where Donald Benedict lives and works, where 4,000 people live in one block—the most densely populated area in the world; Ellis Island, where Mrs. Pratt (Mother Statue of Liberty) has worked for years as teacher and friend to those who are detained by the immigration officials for short or long periods; 287 Fourth Avenue, national headquarters of our fellowship; the Congregational Christian Center where processing of clothing for CWS takes place and also where there are rooms at $2 per night for incoming foreign students or DP families or Congregationalists like the tour party.

On the Sunday of the Midwinter meetings, the women spent the afternoon and evening at Schauffler College, where girls of many races and denominations are trained for Christian service. This is always a highlight of the women's meetings.

At the meetings of the Missions Council which followed, the national secretaries brought word of achievement in the past and urgent needs for the future. The undercurrent thought throughout the meetings was "Let the church bear the witness," as brought out so ably by Rev. Truman Douglass when he said, "The central urge of Christianity is to bear witness. All of us are Christians because someone else bore witness."

Miss Helen Francis Smith sent out a call for good books to send to the South and materials to sew on. Rev. Nelson Dreier told of the terrific need for money to build new churches. Quentin Leisher stressed the needs of the American Board. Dr. John Reuling pictured the unrest in Africa. The dean of Silliman University in the Philippines spoke for a new dormitory to house the students who are now turned away but who are so needed to become preachers and agriculture experts in their own country.

The outstanding speech of the Missions Council sessions was given at the Board of Home Missions luncheon and made the California delegation very proud, for it was made by Supt. Harley H. Gill on the subject, "Long After We Are Gone, a Living Thing."

Young women going to Los Angeles and desiring a place to stay may well inquire of "The Evangeline," a residence club located at 1005 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles. Additional information will be furnished by writing.

PORTERVILLE — A voluntary fund is in process of being raised for suitable memorial in honor of Rev. John A. Milligan, pioneer pastor whose death was noted in an earlier issue of The Pacific. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, in behalf of the church recently sent in 160 subscriptions to The Pacific so that every family of the church would know what is going on in the Conference.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

A significant meeting took place o March 20 at the North Congregatio al Church of Berkeley. The Chur furnished the hospitality of its sanct ary for the meeting and its social ha and workers for the luncheon.

Rev. William E. McCormack, pre ident of the Board of Home Mission and Rev. Nelson C. Drier, of the sta of the Missions Council, gave an a count of the progress that had bee made toward reaching the goal of Ou Christian World Mission. This wa followed by a facing of the situatio which the Congregational Churc Building Society confronts. Tremen dous shifts of population, new sub divisions with their opportunities fo new churches, together with almos prohibitive costs in building, hav drained the Building Society of it resources and a third of a millio dollars besides.

At this stage of the game no one sure what ought to be done. Th Berkeley meeting was one of 24 bein held across the country, so that peopl might have the opportunity and tim to consider the problem before th meeting of the General Council a Claremont. At that time it is hope that thinking will be crystalized s that out of the gathering may com some plan which will appeal to ou people across the nation.

MRS. WM. MOLL CASE

Mrs. William Moll Case has passe away in Palo Alto. She had bee very ill for many months, first a strok which paralyzed one side of her bod and then exceedingly painful arthriti on the other side. Her husband too care of her for many months and sh spent a number of weeks in the hos pital at Reno and then in Oakland and finally returned to Palo Alto fo some special treatments, but steadil went downhill. Dr. and Mrs. Cas served two of our Federated churche with great distinction, the Ren church for something like eightee years and Alturas for about five year They were greatly beloved in thos churches and in our Northern Califo nia fellowship, although Dr. Case Ministerial Standing is with the Pres byterians. Funeral services were hel in Palo Alto. Rev. Noel J. Bree of Stockton, close friend, was one o the officiating ministers.

Put it in your date book: Annua meeting of the Conference, Oaklan First Church, Friday, Saturday, an Sunday, May 23, 24, and 25.

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